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## Rep. Ohnstad Statement on 2016 State of the State Address

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MADISON – Representative Tod Ohnstad (D-Kenosha) issued the following statement in response to Governor Walker's State of the State address:

"Governor Walker attempted tonight to gloss over just how much Wisconsin has suffered since he took office five years ago. Wisconsinites have suffered and continue to suffer under Gov. Walker's extreme policies, which continue to pit neighbor against neighbor and make life harder for young and old alike.

"Wisconsin's children and students have borne the brunt of Gov. Walker's extremism. Since he took office, Republicans have cut more than \$2 billion in state funding for public education. Not only does this fail the children of our state, this underscores Republicans' lack of commitment to education, which makes our state less desirable to companies considering relocating and makes it that much harder for Wisconsinites to be prepared for the jobs of the future.

"Adding insult to injury is Gov. Walker's so-called student loan debt proposal. While it is high time Republicans acknowledge the incredible burden of student loans on Wisconsin's current, future, and former students, Gov. Walker's proposal is not a solution. It abandons the over one million Wisconsinites saddled with student loan debt who would be ignored under the proposal."

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